Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner August 28, 2022

Gathering

PRELUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King/Simple Gifts" Porter

INTROIT "O That I Had a Thousand Voices" McDonald Chancel Choir

OPENING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: This day is a culmination of many Sundays together!

ALL: We give thanks for each other.

One: May the Lord bless and keep us in the future.

ALL: And may the Lord give us good tidings of comfort and joy to remember and to share with others!

HYMN 1 "Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Nicaea

(unison)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear Lord: today we give you thanks for the journey that our Pastor and his family have taken with this congregation. We have grown older together and perhaps wiser together too. Now we pause to give profound thanks for one another: for Staff and Elders, for congregation members and congregation friends. And we give our thanks to you, O God, the giver of our good gifts, for accompanying us this far. Walk with us still, or should

we promise to walk with *you* still? We will do so, dear Lord Jesus, as we honor you as Savior of our lives. Amen.

SPOKEN RESPONSE:

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God! ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

SUNG RESPONSE 649

Amazing Grace

"When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun!
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun!"

The Word

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN "A Well-Used Bible"

FIRST LESSON - Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV

SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4:1-9; 13 pages 198-199

ANTHEM "In Christ Alone" Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 28: 18-20 page 34

RESPONSE

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Reflections of a Departing Pastor"

Rev. Sumner

SOLO

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Norton Christeson

TRIBUTES

Chris Sumner Matt Sumner Jenny Sumner Carswell

Thanksgiving

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

Wood

DOXOLOGY 606

Old Hundredth

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRESENTATIONS

<u>Sending</u>

HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross"

(Please be seated for the Choral Benediction and Postlude. The ushers will dismiss you row by row.)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

Hobby

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN:

By Lida Robinson, for Jeff & Mary Ann Sumner - thanks, love, and gratitude for all the years of dedication and service. And by the WBTS Office Staff,

<u>CHURCH MEMBERSHIP</u>: If you would like to know more about membership and affiliate membership at Westminster, please call the church office.

LITURGIST Mary Ann Sumner

<u>USHERS</u> Doug & Leanne Coleman

Ken & Carla Moorhouse Jarrett & Ethan Moorhouse

SOME INFORMATION OF INTEREST REGARDING REV. SUMNER:

During his tenure at Westminster By-The-Sea Church:

He welcomed 1605 New members (the first was MaryAnn!)

He baptized 247 persons (187 child; 60 adults)

He presided over 267 Weddings

He was a Commissioner to the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1995

He initiated (with Dr. Dan Hale) the Body Mind and Soul Health Ministry in 1998

He was Moderator of Central Florida Presbytery in 2002

He was Chair of Presbytery Council in 2003

He served Two Terms as Moderator of the CFP Permanent Judicial Commission

He was an advisor or Board Member of the Presbyterian Counseling Center from 1986 through 2022

September Preachers

September 4 The Rev. Dr. Dan Williams

Executive Presbyter

Central Florida Presbytery

September 11 Tobias Caskey

Certified Pastor

September 18 The Rev. Dr. Radford Rader